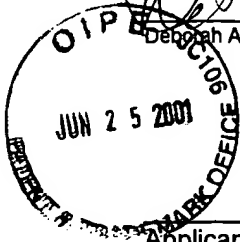


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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Public Law 97-247, Section 8, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant(s) herewith petition(s) that the period for response to the Office Action mailed on February 20, 2001 and supplemented on June 12, 2001, be extended for two month(s), to and including June 20, 2001. The appropriate small entity fee for this extension accompanies this Petition. Small entity status is declared under 37 CFR § 1.27.

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Respectfully submitted,

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